

48 GRCME&TRA* A POEM OF
DANCING. P*/

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LOVE taught the mother that
unkind desire. To wash her hands,
in her own infant's blood ! LOVE
taught the daughter to betray her
sire Into most base unworthy
servitude I LOVE taught the brother
to prepare such food To feast his
brothers, that the all-seeing sun,
Wrapt in a cloud, the wicked sight
did shun /

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And even this selfsame LOVE hath
Dancing taught! †
An Art that shewed fh'Ideot, of Ms
mind!
With, vainness, frenzy^ and
misorder fraught;
Sometimes with blood and cruelties
unkind!
For in a dance > TEREUS⁹ mad wife
did find Fit time and place, by
murdering her son, T'avenge
the wrong, his traitorous sire had
done !

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What mean the Mermaids^ when
they dance and sing\$
B@t certain death unto the
mariner ?
What tidings do the dancing
Dolphins bring,
But that some dangerous storm
approacheth near ?
Then since both Love and
Dancing liveries bear Of such
ill hap ; unhappy may they
prove That? sitting free⁹ will
either dance or love 1

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Yet, once again-, ANTINOUS did
reply, Great Queen /"condemn not
LOVE the innocent, For this
mischievous LUST⁹ which
traitorously Usurps his Name, and
steals his Ornament! For that TRUE
LOVE, which Dancing did invent?
Is he that tuned the world's whole
harmony, And linked all men in
sweet society!